

***FIRST MURDER  
TRIAL  
  
BEFORE  
JUDGE HILL***

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Will Burnett, a negro, was convicted of manslaughter in Judge Ben Hill's division of the superior court on Tuesday. He was given a twenty-year sentence.

The negro made a statement to the jury in which he declared that in an altercation with another negro, he was getting beaten by a club and, in self-defense, he pulled a knife and stabbed the negro through the abdomen. His statement saved him from sterner fate.

The negro was the first man charged with murder to be tried by Judge Hill since his appointment to the criminal branch of the Fulton county superior court.